

# OLYMPIC COAST NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

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### Coming Events

#### Friday, September 30

“The Perfect Storm: Harmful algae, migratory seabirds, and warming seas” by Dr. Julia Parish, Director of COASST. 7:00 pm at Olympic Natural Resources Center, Forks. Call 206.221.6893 for more information or to reserve a seat.

#### Saturday, October 1

COASST classroom training 10:00 to 4:00 at Olympic Natural Resources Center. RSVP to COASST.

#### Wednesday, October 5

Port Angeles harbor bird watching. Meet at 9:00 in the classroom. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them.

#### Thursday, October 6

Join us for a guided tour of the Clallam County Historical Museum at 2nd and Lincoln at 10:00, followed by a brown bag lunch in the OCDC classroom.

#### Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9

Dungeness Crab and Seafood Festival on City Pier 10:00 to 6:00  
Saturday, 10:00 to 5:00 Sunday.



#### Friday, November 11

Feiro Marine Life Center presents James Bodkin, Research Wildlife Biologist from the Alaska Science Center, who has been leading sea otter research for the Department of Interior for more than 20 years. Contact Feiro at 417-6254 to reserve at seat. Suggested \$5 donation.

### Volunteer Exchanges - What's next?

Volunteers who traveled to Alpena in July reported on their visit to Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary at our brown bag lunch on September 8. Following the presentation we discussed where we would like to go and who we would like to host next. Monterey Bay, Florida Keys, and Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine

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Sanctuaries were all considered, as well as the Mariner's Museum in Newport News, Virginia, which has a display about the Monitor. If we are involved in another exchange it would be great if more volunteers could participate. We invite and encourage everyone to get involved in picking our next destination.



### Volunteer Advisory Committee

New members of the OCDC Volunteer Advisory Committee are Elizabeth Clark and Jim Fedderly. They will help staff plan and evaluate volunteer training and enrichment activities, and help us brainstorm ways to improve our program for the future. If you have suggestions, comments or complaints please talk to Jim or Elizabeth, or contact staff directly.

### Bird Watching with Bob Boekelheide

On September 8 Bob Boekelheide of the Dungeness River Audubon Center led our first monthly bird walk around the Port Angeles harbor. He began by telling us how important the harbor is for migrating seabirds. As an example he explained that gulls which breed in central Alberta, Montana, and Baja California all come here to spend the winter. On the 90-minute walk we saw loons, grebes, cormorants, gulls, sandpipers, crows and a heron. We plan to continue bird walks every month, recording which species are present, and noting how bird populations change through the seasons. Beginning birders are welcome – we are all learning together.

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## **Dungeness Crab and Seafood Festival**

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary will be represented at this end-of-summer festival with a booth themed "Save Planet Ocean." A number of hand-on activities for kids of all ages, and more serious information for adults will help everyone understand how we can all work together to protect life in the ocean. Volunteers are welcome to join the fun either day. Call the office to sign up for a specific shift, or stop by our booth whenever you can.

